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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR
SECRETARY AT CENTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO ANKARA
MAY 21-23 FOR THE CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

2. PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
PLEASURE AT RETURNING TO ANKARA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY
ORGANIZATION. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH CENTO SINCE THE ORGANIZATION'S INCEPTION 20 YEARS AGO,
BASING THIS ASSOCIATION ON BOTH OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS IN
THE SECURITY OF THIS REGION AND THE COMMON INTERESTS WE SHARE
WITH OUR CENTO ALLIES. LAST YEAR THE UNITED STATES WAS
PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS HOST TO THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING,
AND IT SEEMS TO US PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE CONFERENCE
OPENING CENTO'S THIRD DECADE SHOULD BE HELD HERE IN ANKARA,
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIANCE. THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONTINUE TO DO ITS SHARE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF
OUR MUTUAL UNDERTAKINGS. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING
DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPLORING MUTUAL PROBLEMS WITH VALUED
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS DURING THIS CONFERENCE. I ALSO
OF COURSE VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THIS MEETING

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PROVIDES FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR TURKISH HOSTS ON A NUMBER

OF BILATERAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE.

3. PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT: THE 20TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF CENTO HAS PROVIDED A VERY PLEASANT AND USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXPLORE WAYS TO SOLVE SOME OF OUR SHARED PROBLEMS. MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE HAD VERY VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT REGIONAL CONCERNS, AND I WAS ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON SOME MAJOR BILATERAL ISSUES WITH THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS AND TURKISH LEADERS IN A VERY CONDUCIVE ATMOSPHERE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR SPLENDID ASSISTANCE. AND I AM ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR TURKISH HOSTS FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY.
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